

# **EDUCATION INVESTMENT**



## **Investing in Early Childhood: The First Step on the Path to Economic Prosperity in Michigan November 2010**

In 2011, Michigan will have an historic opportunity to move Michigan forward by *ensuring that all Michigan children arrive at school healthy and ready to succeed.*

Michigan's outlook seems bleak: One of the nation's highest unemployment rates; per capita income near the bottom; Michigan among the 10 poorest states. It's predicted that even if Michigan's economy begins to grow at the relatively rapid rate of the 1990s, it would be 2025 before the state could replace the jobs lost this decade alone.

And, after more than nine years of budget deficits, Michigan faces yet another budget shortfall of at least \$1.6 billion in the upcoming fiscal year.

Clearly, a *new* and *bold* commitment is needed to build the educated and skilled workforce that can lead Michigan back down the path of prosperity. That path begins with our children, our future workforce.

### **The Basis of Michigan's Future**

Michigan must grow its workforce of tomorrow by ensuring that all children arrive at school ready to learn. That is the basis for Michigan's nationally recognized Great Start initiative. Research shows as much as 90 percent of the brain's intellectual and emotional hardwiring is set before age five, and scientists have proven that children's earliest experiences permanently affect the very architecture of their brains. Much-needed education reform has begun in earnest in Michigan, but even the most aggressive efforts will fail if we don't start when the brain is forming the fastest and laying the foundation for a lifetime of learning.

The imperative for action is clear: Learning begins at birth, and state elected officials can help turn the tide by reforming public policies and investments to give all children a great start by making the most of the narrow window of opportunity from birth to age five. The cost of waiting, or playing "catch-up" when children enter elementary school or move into high school, is too high.

### **A Safe & Solid Investment**

Investments in early childhood are supported by the experts and by voters, with 83 percent of voters seeing early childhood development and education programs as an absolute necessity for their communities. Leading economists are convinced that early learning reaps huge financial returns, saving as much as \$17 on welfare, criminal justice, special education and other social expenses for every \$1 invested in high quality early care and education services for low-income children. Evidence shows that high quality early childhood programs increase educational achievement, reduce crime and violence against children, improve health and development, and strengthen social and emotional health. Furthermore, a new study of Michigan's school readiness efforts found that in 2009 alone, the state realized an estimated \$1.15 billion in cost savings and revenues from its investments in school readiness over the past 25 years.

## **An Early Childhood Agenda for Michigan's Governor and State Government Leaders**

*The Children's Leadership Council of Michigan, whose 15 members are business leaders from across Michigan, are committed to ensuring that all Michigan children arrive at school healthy and ready to learn. The leadership council advocates for these four planks:*

- **Hold children harmless as you work to balance the state budget and resolve Michigan's fiscal and economic problems.** To balance the state budget, lawmakers cut \$151 million in FY2010 from early childhood programs, reducing opportunities for thousands of Michigan youngsters to attend high-quality child care and preschool, get needed health screenings, and avoid becoming the victims of child abuse and neglect. Given the proven return on investment in early childhood, balancing the state budget on the backs of the state's youngest citizens is shortsighted.
- **Streamline state efforts to make sure that investments reach our young children directly.** Current initiatives for our children are spread through many state departments, reducing coordination, efficiency, and impact. Eighty-five separate funding streams, totaling more than \$2 billion, support various early childhood programs and services. The governor should establish an office of early learning that will focus and make more effective state early childhood initiatives. This office must set and measure outcomes and assess the impact and effectiveness of programs.
- **Assure that all 4-year-olds who meet eligibility requirements for publicly funded pre-school are enrolled.** There are currently 40,000 who are eligible but not enrolled. Savings from streamlining of early childhood initiatives could help support enrolling these at-risk children in pre-school.
- **Strengthen private sector investment in parent and caregiver education and involvement for children age 0-3.** The first 1,000 days are critical to a child's brain development. Right from birth, children must be raised by parents and other caregivers who have the supports they need to be their children's first and best teachers. In partnership with the public sector, Michigan's private sector should strengthen its considerable investment in the well-being of our youngest children.

The bottom line for Michigan: Educated workforce, stronger economy, reduced costs for taxpayers.

A Great Michigan needs Great Start.

## A Basic Early Childhood Balance Sheet for Michigan

### MEASURES OF PRE-SCHOOL ACCESS & SCHOOL READINESS

	MI	U.S.
1. Kindergartners who enter school fully prepared to learn	66%	
2. Number of 4-yr-olds who qualify for, but don't attend, publicly funded pre-school	40,000	
3. 2010 increase in 4-year-olds who qualify but don't attend publicly funded pre-school	5,300	
4. % of 4-yr-olds who qualify for, but don't attend, publicly funded pre-school	49%	
5. State spending per child enrolled in public preschool	\$4,286	\$4,711
6. 10-point score for high-quality preschool	7.0	7.1

### MEASURES OF EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH & HEALTH CARE ACCESS

	MI	U.S.
7. Infants and toddlers who are fully immunized	65%	72%
8. Low-weight births	8.4%	8.3%
9. Infant mortality - deaths per 1,000 live births	7.4	6.3
9a. Infant mortality -- African-American deaths per 1,000 births	14.9	13.3

### MEASURES OF PARENTAL & EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

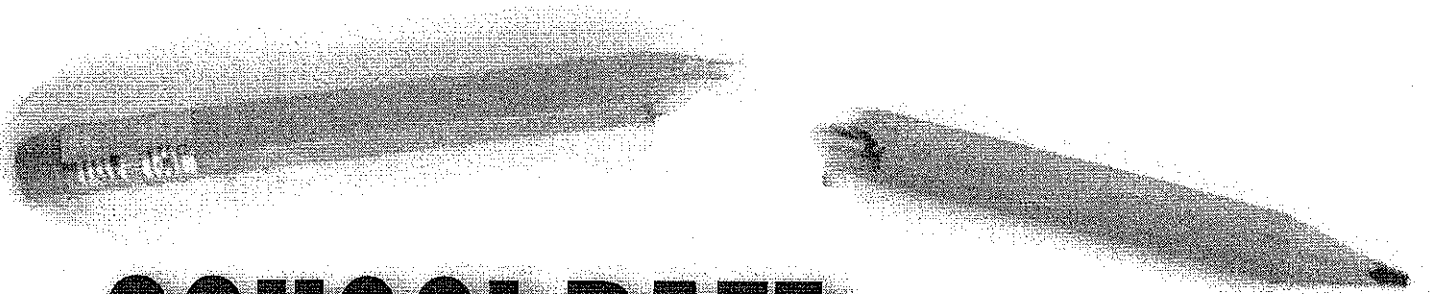
	MI	U.S.
10. Confirmed child abuse/neglect cases, ages 0-5, per 1,000 children	16	
11. Children aged 1-5 whose families read to them less than three days per week	11%	16%
12. 4th Graders reading below proficiency level	70%	68%
13. Children with child care subsidies who are actually in licensed care	48%	

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For additional data and context regarding early childhood in Michigan visit...

**VOICES FOR MICHIGAN'S CHILDREN:** [www.michiganschildren.org/](http://www.michiganschildren.org/)  
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# SCHOOL DAZE:

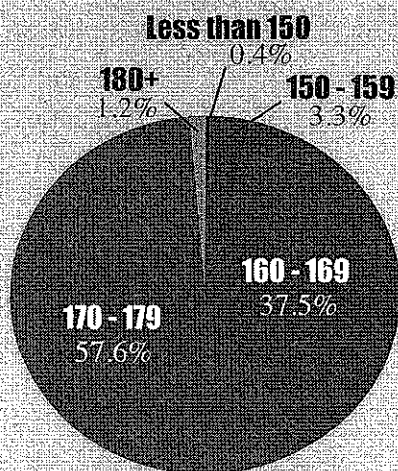
## MICHIGAN'S SHRINKING SCHOOL YEAR

**T**ime is not on the side of Roger Cole.

The superintendent of Stephenson Area Public Schools in the Upper Peninsula near the Wisconsin border is wrestling with a problem facing more and more schools in Michigan: How to give kids a good education in the amount of time they can afford to keep the classroom doors open. The district switched to a four-day week three years ago to save money, dropping its total number of school days to 150. This year, the district went back to a five-day schedule, increasing the school calendar to 166 days – still among the lowest in the state.

### How Many Days Were Our Kids in School?

Days by District • 2007-08



Go to the appendix for detailed 2007-08 data for the days of instruction scheduled, days of instruction actually held, reasons for cancellations, and the number of hours of instruction in more than 750 public school districts and charter schools.

“It’s not about education, it’s about money,” said a frustrated Cole. “It’s not even about what is best for kids. We just try to do the best we can for the kids with the money we have. That’s the ugly reality.”

In the 2007-08 school year, 748 public school districts and charter schools educated children fewer than 180 days – the minimum required by state law just six years ago. After accounting for snow days that were not made up, only nine districts and charter schools met the 180-day threshold last year, according to Michigan Department of Education data analyzed by the Center for Michigan. At a time when U.S. students already spend fewer days in the classroom than children in most industrialized nations, Michigan schools are widening the education gap, with some now in session fewer than 160 days a year. Districts from Detroit to Michigamme have opted for fewer but longer days. It’s a move that helps cash-strapped districts balance their budgets, but has many education experts

### KEY FINDINGS:

- 98 percent of Michigan public schools offered fewer than 180 days of classes last year. 180 days is the standard across the United States.
- Even at 180 days, the U.S. system lags most of the industrialized world. Korean students attend school 225 days a year; Japanese students, 220. Americans’ test scores are lower than students’ in countries with longer school years.
- Because of snow days and other cancellations many districts are not meeting the state’s target of 1,098 hours of instruction per year. The average was 1,066 hours last year across 600 high schools. On average, that’s a week of missed classes per high school.
- As a cost-cutting move, some school districts are trading shorter school years for smaller teacher raises.
- School districts say they don’t have funds to return to the traditional 180-day calendar, much less expand the school year as experts urge.

crying foul.

“Trading a couple more minutes a day in school for fewer days is outrageous,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan. “I think in general you’d find that districts still got raises but still went from 180 days down. It’s unconscionable. When we’re in a time-based model for most kids, you need at least 180 days and, as you point out, many other countries are way ahead of us. I called the (local school) superintendents out on this in

September of 2007 saying it is the wrong direction. This may not be totally in their control if (local school) boards just want to get contracts done."

Michigan increased its school calendar requirements through the 1990s, bumping the mandated minimum classroom hours from 900 to 1,098, with a minimum of 180 days in session. The goal, according to former Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, was to incrementally increase the minimum day requirement until it reached 190 days in 2006-07. Instead, legislators dropped the day requirement completely as of the 2003-04 school year, leaving the 1,098-hour mandate in place. In essence, Lansing told districts that they could shorten the school year by making each school day a few minutes longer.

Sen. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, was one of the original sponsors of the legislation that stripped the 180-day mandate out of school requirements. "We wanted to make it possible for schools to save money any way they could," Jelinek said recently. "Especially in areas like the UP, where it's so cold, they could save money (by having fewer school days). And there was a local control issue." He doesn't recall any real opposition to the change at the time. But as districts have shaved more and more days off the calendar, "I know there's some concern now."

Because of snow days and other cancellations many districts are not meeting the 1,098-hour mandate. The average was 1,066 hours last year across 600 high schools, according to the state data. State law used to require schools to make up all snow days above two taken in a calendar year. Now, schools are allowed to cancel 30 hours of classes for inclement weather – more than doubling the previous limit. In reality, schools can and often do take more than 30 hours off and are not required to make them up if they petition the Department of Education for an exception to the rule.

In the 2007-08 school year, 82 percent of Michigan's public school districts and charters (618 out of 757) scheduled fewer than 180 student days in their calendar, even before snow days were subtracted. Eighty-six districts and charters scheduled fewer than 170. Michigan, which operates on a four-day week, had the fewest scheduled with 142; Carrollton School District had the most, with 185. Michigan is one of only seven states that has no minimum day requirement for schools (the other states, Delaware, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, South Dakota, are mostly rural and sparsely populated); Thirty-two require 180 days or more.

Michigan wasn't cutting back on education, the argument went at the time, because kids would be in school the same

## Reactions to the Shrinking School Year

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"Wake up Michigan! In the 21st Century, talent will rule. The city, state and nations that get their systems of education right will prosper – and the others will suffer. It is ironic the Center For Michigan's research that Michigan schools are reducing the time our children go to school is being released while I am in China – where they clearly understand from the individual to national policy makers the connection between education and economic prosperity. As a state, Michigan must decide – are we going to live in the past or move boldly into the future? Reducing the time our children are in school is a move backward. This action will help bankrupt our state." – **Tom Watkins, State Superintendent of Public Instruction (2001-2005)**

"I think the real answer will come when we move to performance focused education – versus calendar based. For example, students need to master an array of content – and however and whenever they do that – they should get their degrees – and a chance to move on to postsecondary learning – even while in high school. And teachers should be treated as year-round professionals, not 'seasonal' employees. Their job is to manage towards achieving those outcomes. If we went truly down that path we might see all sorts of good things. In the meantime, we should have some incentive funding for those school districts that can negotiate a new calendar with teachers and communities in return for freedoms and accountability for performance." – **John Austin, Vice President, Michigan State Board of Education**

number of hours, while districts would be allowed to adjust their calendar to meet their budget.

On days off, schools save money on heat and electricity, plus wages of custodians, cooks and bus drivers, and the diesel fuel it takes to run buses. Olivet Community Schools, with an enrollment of 1,450, saves \$3,000 for each day it cuts from its calendar. The class time of each cut day is spread out across the rest of the school year. The schools save money, and kids are in class the same amount of time.

It sounded like a win-win, until Olivet Superintendent Dave Campbell did the math.

A typical day of school has units, or lessons, in various subjects. Cutting a day means those lessons must be made up on other days. When Olivet cut a day of school, it added three minutes to the remaining school days. When those three minutes were spread across six periods in Olivet High School, that cut day added 30 seconds to each class.

"Just adding a few minutes at the end of a class doesn't make up for the lost days," said Campbell. "When you cut a day, you cut lessons."

Those missed lessons add up over time. A student attending a school with a 170-day calendar would, from kindergarten through 12th grade, have 130 fewer math classes than a

student at a 180-day school district.

"Hours are not the same as days," said Stephenson's Cole. "If you're hanging sheetrock, you can work an extra 10 minutes and you've hung more sheetrock. But in a classroom, it's not the same. You can't take 1.2 concepts and teach it.

"The number of contacts is important," Cole continued. "There's a legitimacy to repetition. If you cut contacts, you cut repetition."

As school calendars contract, each absence, each day with a substitute teacher, hurts more academically. When Stephenson was on a four-day week, each snow day was the equivalent of missing 1.25 days of school, Cole said.

There has been no substantive research comparing the academic outcomes of shorter days and longer school calendars vs. longer days and shorter calendars. Arenac Eastern School District experimented with a four-day week for seven weeks this winter to save heating costs, adding 15 minutes to each day the rest of the school year.

"It worked out great," said Arenac Eastern Superintendent Rocky Aldrich. "We didn't hear one single negative comment."

There were fewer athletes declared academically ineligible

to play sports this year, a fact that Aldrich attributes partly to the changed schedule, which built in time for struggling students to meet with teachers. Aldrich hopes to continue the four-day week experiment, or perhaps expand it, next year. But at Stephenson, where the four-day week was held throughout the calendar year, Cole saw kids struggling to maintain focus over the longer school day.

"Our school days were 8 to 4, kindergarten through 12th grade," Cole said. "We had kids on a bus as early as 6:25 a.m. who were not getting home until 5:50 p.m.; they were putting in 11 hour days, and then were expected to do homework. I had two children in elementary school, and they would cry at night because they were so exhausted."

Adding 16 days back into the calendar cost the Stephenson district about \$75,000 – about the same amount Cole projected the district would lose from inter-district transfers if the four-day week had been maintained.

"We had teachers say that they needed more days," Cole said.

Shorter school calendars almost invariably mean long summer breaks, a concept promoted by the state's tourism industry: The longer kids are out of school, the longer families will visit Traverse City, Mackinac



and Saugatuck. But research shows that kids – particular from poor families, lose up to a month's worth of academic learning during summer breaks, says Elena Silva, senior policy analyst with Education Sector, a Washington-based think tank. The longer the break, the more time must be used in September and October re-learning what was taught last May.

"Extending the school year is more expensive than extending the day, so I can see why people would consider doing that," Silva said. "But the real concern is the quality of the learning (during an extended day)."

As Michigan Senate majority leader, Dan DeGrow pushed to extend the school calendar from 180 to 190. Now, as superintendent of St. Clair Intermediate School District, DeGrow has watched the calendar move in the other direction.

"I know it's tough (economically), but at some point, there's a principle involved," DeGrow said. "I've yet to have an educator say it's good for the kids, but we do it anyway. I think it's a disgrace."

Even at 180 days, which is the standard across the nation, the United States ranks among the lowest in the industrialized world, according to a recent Trends in International Math and Science Study. Korean students

attend school an average of 225 days a year; Japanese students, 220. Test scores of U.S. students are lower than those of students in most countries where students attend more days of school.

"We've got a school year that was developed in the 19th Century, which was fine when you wanted the kids to pick the bugs off the potatoes all summer," said Michigan State University economist Charles Ballard. Adjusting days and hours of the school year, without any attempt to add learning time, "strikes me as rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic. I think we need a substantial increase in total amount of time (in the classroom)."

Former state school superintendent Tom Watkins is angry that schools have placed short-term budget savings over the long-term need to increase the education level of our children.

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The stumbling block, as usual, is money. Many school districts have not found the money to increase the school calendar back to 180 days, let alone expand beyond that.

In contract negotiations, districts now routinely trade a shorter calendar for smaller teacher raises, said Olivet's Campbell. To add days, districts would likely have to give teachers a raise.

MSU economist Ballard says the need to lengthen the school year is fundamental.

"As a society we've got to find a way to do this," Ballard said. "I don't know why this isn't on the radar."

It may be on the radar soon. U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan called recently for an overhaul of the nation's educational system, saying kids need to stay in school longer to keep up with the rest of the world. America's children are "at a

competitive disadvantage” because of the nation’s shorter school calendar, Duncan said. “Where students have longer days, longer weeks, longer years -- that’s making a difference.”

School calendars have become “alarmingly lower” than legislators expected when the minimum day requirement was dropped, said Rebecca Rocho, assistant superintendent and lobbyist for the Calhoun Intermediate School District. “Nobody thought it would get down to 150 days.”

No one is preventing school districts from scheduling 180 days, or even 190 or 200 days, in the classroom. But without a mandate from the state, district officials are unlikely to have the political will or economic strength to do it, said Don Wotruba, director of government relations for the Michigan Association of School Boards. Wotruba, who considers reviving a minimum school day calendar to be one of his organization’s top priorities, believes there is a fighting chance such a reform could pass this year.

“Politically, how do you say, no, we don’t think kids should be in school longer now that we’ve raised the standards?” Wotruba said.

Even the powerful teacher union, the Michigan Education Association, hasn’t taken a

position on reviving a mandate that could mean its members would work more days. Longer days and shorter calendars have “more to do with economics than what is best for kids,” said Ed Sarpolus, director of government affairs for the MEA. “No one has taken the time to look at how kids can learn best.”

Wotruba believes legislation will be introduced soon that would phase in mandates that would eventually take the school year back to 180 days. He believes a 170-day minimum might win

acceptance, with the number being increased over time.

“It’s kind of hard to ask for higher achievement when you’re in class 20 days less than six years ago,” Wotruba said.

### About This Report...

This report was written by award-winning Michigan journalist Ron French with data analysis and editing by Center for Michigan Executive Director John Behow, and design by A.J. Jones. It is based on the latest data from the Michigan Department of Education.

Since fall 2007, some 3,000 concerned Michigan citizens have taken part in small-group, town-hall meetings the Center for Michigan calls Community Conversations. Participants learn about Michigan’s future challenges and opportunities and prioritize issues they feel are most important to the state’s future. The Center then presses for action in Lansing on the citizens’ “common ground” agenda points which arise from the Community Conversations. Overwhelmingly, citizens tell us they’re deeply concerned about three things central to a prosperous Michigan future:

- A talented, globally competitive workforce.
- Economic development & diversification.
- Efficient, effective, and accountable government.

This and other reports we distribute weekly in our “Fresh Thoughts” email digest provide thousands of readers with in-depth information on these topics that matter most to Michigan citizens.

### MICHIGAN'S LONGEST SCHOOL YEARS

Students in nations with the world's most intense education calendars attend classes more than 220 days per year. Michigan public school districts and charter schools with the most days of instruction:

SAGINAW COUNTY TRANSITION ACADEMY	217
JACKSON ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY PSA	195
ALLEN ACADEMY	182
BINGHAM ACADEMY	182
AISHA SHULE/WEB DUBOIS PREP. ACADEMY	181
GRANT TWP S/D #2	181
LELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	181
ACADEMY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERPRISE	180
GLENN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	180

### MICHIGAN'S SHORTEST SCHOOL YEARS

Michigan public school districts and charter schools with the fewest days of instruction:

REPUBLIC-MICHIGAMME SCHOOLS	139
STEPHENSON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	147
BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP, SCIENCE, TECH. ACDMY.	149
CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY	152
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VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	157

### MICHIGAN'S MOST CANCELLED SCHOOLS

These districts and charters cancelled the most school days in 2007-08. The vast majority of cancellations were snow days, though a handful of districts also cancelled classes for such reasons as deaths of staff members, bomb threats, and, sports tournaments. State law no longer requires districts to make up for cancelled days.

THRESHOLD ACADEMY	14	Snow
TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS	14	Weather
CARSON CITY-CRYSTAL AREA SCHOOLS	13	Snow, Fire, Wind
CHIPPEWA HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT	13	Weather
GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	13	Weather
CENTRAL MONTCALM PUBLIC SCHOOLS	13	Weather
WOLVERINE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	13	Snow
CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY	12	Weather, Heat, Flood
BIG JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	Snow, Heat, Water
MONTABELLA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	12	Snow, Ice
WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS	12	Snow, Ice, Fog
PALO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	Snow, Ice, Boiler
MORLEY STANWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	12	Snow, Ice, Fog
GLADWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	12	Weather
LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (MONTCALM)	12	Weather

### MICHIGAN'S LEAST CANCELLED SCHOOLS:

These districts and charters cancelled school the least:

	Scheduled	Held	Cancelled
VOYAGEUR ACADEMY	167	167	0
HOPE OF DETROIT ACADEMY	170	170	0
NSOROMA INSTITUTE	167	166	1
WHITEFISH TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS	169	168	1
NEW CITY ACADEMY	174	173	1
GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	174	1
NORTHPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	175	1
BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	176	1
LELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	182	181	1

# MICHIGAN'S SHRINKING SCHOOL YEAR (2007-2008)

SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER NAME	DAYS OF INSTRUCTION			REASONS CLASSES WERE CANCELLED (AND NOT RESCHEDULED)	HOURS OF INSTRUCTION		
	TOTAL SCHEDULED	ACTUAL IN SCHOOL	DAYS CANCELLED		GRADE SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMY FOR BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY	172	170	2	snow	1125	1099	1099
ACADEMY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERPRISE	185	180	5	snow			1093
ACADEMY OF DETROIT-WEST	170	166	4	snow, power	1044	1044	
ACADEMY OF FLINT	171	166	5	snow, water main break	1031	1031	
ACADEMY OF INKSTER	170	167	3	snow			1069
ACADEMY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE	170	167	3	snow	1050	1050	
ACADEMY OF OAK PARK	170	167	3	snow	1050	1050	1050
ACADEMY OF SOUTHFIELD	170	166	4	snow	1044	1044	
ACADEMY OF WARREN	170	167	3	snow	1050	1050	
ACADEMY OF WATERFORD	170	162	8	snow	1019	1019	
ACADEMY OF WESTLAND	170	167	3	snow	1050	1050	
ADAMS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	177	2	snow	1075	1055	1055
ADDISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	182	171	11	snow, ice, fog	1068	1068	1068
ADRIAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	163	7	snow, ice, fog	1031	1031	1027
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY	174	169	5	snow, heat	1116	1157	1149
AGBU ALEX-MARIE MANOOGIAN SCHOOL	175	172	3	snow	1066	1072	1065
AIRPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	170	6	weather, MME	1065	1068	1062
AISHA SHULE/WEB DUBOIS PREP. ACADEMY SCHOOL	186	181	5	snow, power	1176	1176	1176
AKRON-FAIRGROVE SCHOOLS	178	170	8	snow, electricity, fire, water	1078	1078	1078
ALBA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	172	6	snow, ice	1077	1090	1090
ALBION PUBLIC SCHOOLS	170	165	5	snow, fire	1096	1092	1098
ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	164	159	5	snow	1034	1034	1034
ALGONAC COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	177	3	snow	1085	1113	1087
ALLEGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	170	162	8	weather	1034	1034	1034
ALLEN ACADEMY	184	182	2	weather	1195	1195	1195
ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	179	176	3	snow	1054	1061	1053
ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	170	5	weather	1071	1052	1047
ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	167	9	snow, fog, ice, wind	1069	1069	1069
ALMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	177	171	6	snow, ice	1069	1077	1068
ALPENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	171	5	snow	1053	1064	1070
AMERICAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY	176	173	3	snow	1067		
ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	168	7	snow, power	1047	1052	1044
ANN ARBOR LEARNING COMMUNITY	167	164	3	weather	1081	1081	
ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174	171	3	snow, power	1046	1046	1045
ARBOR ACADEMY	177	173	4	snow	1157		
ARENAC EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	164	6	snow, ice	1032	1070	1070
ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS	170	162	8	snow, heat	1036	1035	1032
ARTS ACADEMY IN THE WOODS	163	158	5	snow, ice, boiler			1109
ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY OF PONTIAC	178	169	9	snow, no heat	1166	1166	
ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	172	169	3	snow	1136	1102	
ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	169	11	snow, ice, fog, tornado	1039	1057	1047

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	TOTAL SCHEDULED	ACTUAL IN SCHOOL	DAYS CANCELLED		GRADE SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS	177	172	5	snow, power	1061	1067	1067
ATHERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	179	173	6	snow, MRSA	1033	1032	1035
ATLANTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	167	161	6	snow	1047	1047	1047
AU GRES-SIMS SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	167	8	snow, ice	1052	1052	1052
AUTRAIN-ONOTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	171	7	weather, power	1076		
AVONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT	171	167	4	snow, water pipes	1031	1040	1027
BAD AXE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	177	171	6	snow	1039	1077	1093
BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	168	7	snow	1090	1090	1090
BANGOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS (VAN BUREN)	176	169	7	snow, fog	1049	1049	1049
BANGOR TOWNSHIP S/D #8	176	170	6	snow	1063	1063	
BANGOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS	175	170	5	snow, ice	1039	1074	1092
BARAGA AREA SCHOOLS	178	176	2	weather	1099	1083	1084
BARK RIVER-HARRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	174	6	snow, power, bomb	1058	1046	1046
BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	177	173	4	snow	1063	1066	1076
BATTLE CREEK AREA LEARNING CENTER	176	171	5	snow			1074
BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	173	5	weather	1074	1086	1074
BAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	170	5	snow, ice	1036	1036	1035
BAY COUNTY PSA	175	170	5	snow, ice	1219	1219	
BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	183	172	11	snow, fog, ice, football playoffs	1037	1078	1065
BEAR LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	164	6	weather, power	1030	1045	1038
BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL	178	176	2	weather	1053	1053	1053
BEAVERTON RURAL SCHOOLS	167	159	8	snow, ice, buses	1038	1047	1047
BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	171	5	weather, water	1037	1050	1073
BEECHER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	173	3	snow, power outage	1065	1064	1064
BELDING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	169	158	11	weather	1037	1037	1030
BELLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174	171	3	snow	1060	1068	1068
BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	173	169	4	snow, ice, fog	1096	1052	1052
BEN ROSS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	180	175	5	weather, vandalism	1167	1167	
BENDLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	174	6	weather	1063	1064	1058
BENTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	159	154	5	snow, death of staff member	1040	1040	1040
BENTON HARBOR AREA SCHOOLS	169	165	4	snow	1071	1081	1081
BENTON HARBOR CHARTER SCHOOL	184	177	7	snow	1204	1204	
BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS	176	171	5	snow, ice, power	1042	1107	1107
BERKLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	174	3	snow	1086	1063	1042
BERLIN TOWNSHIP S/D #3	173	165	8	snow, ice	1065	1065	
BERRIEN SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	177	3	snow	1140	1099	185
BESSEMER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	168	7	weather, fire	1069	1069	1139
BIG BAY DE NOC SCHOOL DISTRICT	172	167	5	snow, ice, power	1052	1039	1039
BIG JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	158	12	snow, heat, water	1045		
BIG RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174	163	11	snow, ice, fog	1040	1040	1035
BINGHAM ACADEMY	186	182	4	snow	1365		
BIRCH RUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	171	6	snow	1053	1038	1038
BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	173	3	weather	1069	1069	1031

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BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL	175	170	5	snow	1079	1069	1069
BLISSFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	181	173	8	snow,ice,fog	1086	1073	1073
BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT	178	174	4	weather,water	1088	1075	1089
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP S/D #7F	177	171	6	snow,power	1114	1114	
BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	178	171	7	snow,ice	1034	1050	1052
BLUE WATER LEARNING ACADEMY	181	177	4	snow, attendance			1090
BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	176	1	power	1144	1144	
BOYNE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	174	4	snow	1101	1072	1072
BOYNE FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	171	167	4	snow	1050	1050	1050
BRADFORD ACADEMY	170	163	7	weather,power	1107	1114	1098
BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	168	7	snow,ice	1044	1050	1040
BRANDYWINE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	178	174	4	snow, ice, fog	1049	1048	1048
BRECKENRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	170	162	8	snow, ice	1031	1043	1043
BREITUNG TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS	176	171	5	snow,ice,cold	1105	1108	1108
BRIDGE ACADEMY	179	175	4	snow	1070	1070	
BRIDGEPORT-SPaulding COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	170	5	snow,ice,boiler	1036	1072	1101
BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	171	167	4	weather	1048	1049	1066
BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS	174	170	4	snow, power	1040	1040	1042
BRIMLEY AREA SCHOOLS	175	170	5	weather	1046	1062	1062
BRITTON-MACON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	173	7	weather	1078	1110	1082
BRONSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	175	5	snow,ice,fog	1140	1125	1125
BROWN CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	172	8	snow,ice,fog	1059	1059	1059
BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	174	170	4	snow, ice, fog	1084	1084	1098
BUCKLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	169	163	6	snow,power	1045	1041	1041
BUENA VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	174	6	snow	1062	1076	1089
BULLOCK CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT	173	169	4	snow, ice	1042	1056	1056
BURR OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	169	6	snow,ice,fog	1049	1049	1049
BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	169	163	6	snow,boiler	1086	1086	1086
BURTON GLEN CHARTER ACADEMY	179	172	7	snow, sewer problems	1162	1178	
BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP, SCIENCE, TECH. ACADEMY	158	149	9	snow,heat,phones	1043	1031	
BYRON AREA SCHOOLS	173	169	4	snow	1090	1082	1069
BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL	171	162	9	snow,construction	1053	1081	1081
BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	173	7	snow	1083	1060	1051
CADILLAC AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	179	172	7	snow,ice,fog,volleyball,homec	1030	1064	1047
CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	178	171	7	snow,ice,temperature	1059	1059	1065
CAMDEN-FRONTIER SCHOOLS	165	154	11	snow,ice,fog	1056	1083	1083
CANTON CHARTER ACADEMY	177	174	3	snow	1124	1124	
CAPAC COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	178	172	6	snow,ice,water	1044	1043	1037
CAPITAL AREA ACADEMY	181	173	8	tornado,snow	1211	1211	
CARMAN-AINSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	179	174	5	snow	1089	1075	1061.0
CARNEY-NADEAU PUBLIC SCHOOLS	171	167	4	snow, ice	1047	1047	1047.4
CARO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	170	163	7	snow,ice,plumbing	1047	1047	1047.0
CARROLLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	185	179	6	snow	1100	1119	1086.2

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CARSON CITY-CRYSTAL AREA SCHOOLS	173	160	13	snow, fire, wind	1035	1033	1032
CARSONVILLE-PORT SANILAC SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	175	5	snow	1133	1103	1103
CASA RICHARD ACADEMY	166	163	3	snow			1059
CASEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	174	6	snow	1071	1077	1077
CASMAN ALTERNATIVE ACADEMY	163	155	8	snow, power		1032	1032
CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	166	160	6	snow, ice, MME exam	1039	1054	1038
CASSOPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	166	162	4	snow, ice, fog	1060	1060	1060
CEDAR SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174	164	10	snow, fog	1020	1035	1031
CENTER ACADEMY	175	170	5	snow	1185	1184	
CENTER FOR LITERACY AND CREATIVITY	173	170	3	weather	1050	1050	
CENTER LINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	172	4	snow	1097	1084	1097
CENTRAL ACADEMY	179	176	3	snow	1047	1047	1047
CENTRAL LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	170	166	4	snow, power	1080	1079	1079
CENTRAL MONTCALM PUBLIC SCHOOLS	179	166	13	weather	1036	1038	1039
CENTREVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	170	5	weather	1113	1074	1085
CESAR CHAVEZ ACADEMY	170	167	3	weather	1049	1064	1056
CHANDLER PARK ACADEMY	175	172	3	weather	1086	1086	
CHANDLER WOODS CHARTER ACADEMY	176	170	6	snow	1117	1130	
CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS	173	169	4	snow, vacation	1076	1088	1095
CHARLOTTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	172	168	4	snow, ice, fog	1050	1031	1057
CHARYL STOCKWELL ACADEMY	177	173	4	snow	1042	1042	
CHASSELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	173	170	3	snow	1044	1111	1111
CHATFIELD SCHOOL	178	171	7	snow	1057		
CHEBOYGAN AREA SCHOOLS	179	171	8	snow, ice, funeral	1088	1087	1086
CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT	178	175	3	snow	1101	1115	1101
CHERRY HILL SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS	170	167	3	snow	1050	1050	1050
CHESANING UNION SCHOOLS	180	174	6	snow, ice, power	1044	1047	1047
CHIPPEWA HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	162	13	weather	1030	1030	1030
CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS	172	169	3	weather, power	1060	1048	1050
CHURCH SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	171	5	snow	1072	1072	
CITY OF HARPER WOODS SCHOOLS	175	173	2	snow, MME	1077	1091	1061
CLARA B. FORD ACADEMY	181	178	3	snow		1107	1107
CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174	164	10	snow, ice	1030	1034	1038
CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	174	171	3	snow/MEAP	1056	1065	1052
CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	173	169	4	snow, power	1057	1066	1059
CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	172	167	5	snow, power, health	1041	1040	1033
CLIMAX-SCOTTS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	178	176	2	snow, fog, ice	1065	1069	1058
CLINTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	181	173	8	weather	1069	1053	1051
CLINTONDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	176	4	weather, water main break	1075	1070	1053
CLIO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	175	5	snow, power	1080	1060	1069
COLDWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	179	174	5	snow, ice, fog	1057	1053	1067
COLE ACADEMY	167	162	5	snow, holiday	1096		
COLEMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	170	6	snow, ice, funeral	1047	1047	1049

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COLFAX TOWNSHIP S/D #1F	173	169	4	snow	1077	1077	
COLIN POWELL ACADEMY	179	174	5	wether	1182	1182	
COLOMA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	170	167	3	snow	1088	1087	1079
COLON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	164	158	6	snow	1068	1070	1070
COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	170	6	weather,holiday	1036	1039	1039
COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY DEVEL. ACADEMY	169	166	3	snow,phones	1079	1079	
COMSTOCK PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	177	171	6	snow	1050	1062	1056
COMSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	173	2	snow	1104	1110	1097
CONCORD ACADEMY - PETOSKEY	167	165	2	snow	1084	1077	1102
CONCORD ACADEMY: ANTRIM	170	164	6	weather	1049	1082	1082
CONCORD ACADEMY:BOYNE	175	170	5	snow	1052	1052	1052
CONCORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	178	173	5	snow,ice	1047	1047	1047
CONNER CREEK ACADEMY	181	177	4	snow, safety	1171	1253	1239
CONNER CREEK ACADEMY EAST	176	171	5	snow, cold	1084	1084	1088
CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	173	169	4	snow, MME exam	1077	1115	1084
COOPERSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	170	7	weather	1056	1057	1057
CORUNNA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	175	5	snow,fog	1078	1080	1081
COUNTRYSIDE ACADEMY	171	166	5	snow	1079	1079	1079
COVERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	176	4	snow	1090	1090	1090
CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOLS	177	172	5	weather,forest fire	1071	1071	1071
CREATIVE LEARNING ACADEMY OF SCIENCE	174	166	8	snow, fog	1051	1051	
CREATIVE MONTESSORI ACADEMY	180	175	5	snow, heat	1196	1196	
CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY	164	152	12	weather,heat,flood	1029	1029	1032
CRESCENT ACADEMY	172	168	4	weather	1134	1134	
CRESTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	173	3	snow,power,heat	1075	1077	1042
CROSS CREEK CHARTER ACADEMY	176	170	6	snow	1106	1106	
CROSSROADS CHARTER ACADEMY	179	168	11	snow,ice,fog	1033	1089	1102
CROSWELL-LEXINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	175	5	snow, ice	1078	1075	1086
DANSVILLE SCHOOLS	179	175	4	weather	1034	1043	1050
DAVID ELLIS ACADEMY	175	172	3	weather	1114	1127	
DAVID ELLIS ACADEMY WEST	175	172	3	weather	1114	1127	
DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	181	176	5	snow	1070	1073	1068
DEARBORN ACADEMY	163	156	7	snow,power	1057	1057	
DEARBORN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	173	169	4	snow, MME	1064	1058	1057
DEARBORN HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT #7	181	178	3	weather	1066	1084	1068
DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	172	167	5	snow	1051	1051	1051
DECKERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	175	4	snow	1092	1081	1081
DEERFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	172	8	snow,ice,fog	1064	1064	1064
DELTON-KELLOGG SCHOOL DISTRICT	171	165	6	snow,ice	1042	1062	1037
DETOUR AREA SCHOOLS	172	169	3	snow	1043	1052	1072
DETROIT ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES	175	168	7	weather,power, bldg.damage	1121	1055	1241
DETROIT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	173	170	3	weather, power	1034	1038	1041
DETROIT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	168	166	2	weather			1052



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DETROIT ENTERPRISE ACADEMY	171	168	3	snow	1067	1110	
DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY	172	166	6	snow,flood	1102	1102	
DETROIT PREMIER ACADEMY	174	171	3	snow	1109	1109	
DEWITT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	171	4	snow,fog,MME	1072	1072	1086
DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	173	170	3	weather	1064	1064	1064
DISCOVERY ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY PSA	174	171	3	snow	1240		
DISCOVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	175	165	10	snow	1099	1099	
DOLLAR BAY-TAMARACK CITY AREA SCHOOLS	180	176	4	snow	1136	1150	1150
DOVE ACADEMY OF DETROIT	175	171	4	snow	1112	1112	1112
DOWAGIAC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	171	4	weather	1038	1039	1044
DR. CHARLES DREW ACADEMY	181	178	3	weather	1135	1135	
DRYDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	178	173	5	snow,ice	1071	1069	1075
DUNDEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	169	6	snow,fog	1046	1088	1088
DURAND AREA SCHOOLS	168	163	5	snow,power outage	1048	1048	1048
EAGLE CREST CHARTER ACADEMY	176	170	6	snow, fog	1107	1134	
EAST CHINA SCHOOL DISTRICT	181	177	4	weather/power	1049	1049	1036
EAST DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	174	4	snow, power	1031	1055	1039
EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	170	167	3	snow	1052	1052	1063
EAST JACKSON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	179	175	4	snow	1051	1063	1092
EAST JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	171	168	3	snow	1061	1061	1061
EAST LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT	174	171	3	weather,sports	1052	1053	1049
EASTERN WASHTENAW MULTICULTURAL ACADEMY	171	168	3	weather	1120	1120	1120
EASTON TOWNSHIP S/D #6	176	168	8	snow,ice	1047	1047	
EATON ACADEMY	175	171	4	snow	1112		1120
EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	166	162	4	snow	1035	1049	1035
EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	168	164	4	snow, power	1082	1087	1087
ECORSE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	174	3	snow	1092	1092	1092
EDISON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	172	169	3	snow	1212	1191	
EDISON-OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	173	167	6	weather	1129	1252	
EDWARDSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	174	4	snow, ice	1059	1076	1084
EL-HAJJ MALIK EL-SHABAZZ ACADEMY	180	175	5	snow	1054		
ELK RAPIDS SCHOOLS	180	175	5	weather	1085	1043	1043
ELKTON-PIGEON-BAY PORT LAKER SCHOOLS	174	168	6	snow,ice,wind	1055	1058	1058
ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL	176	171	5	snow, power	1033	1053	1053
ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	178	174	4	weather,PD	1070	1070	
ENDEAVOR CHARTER ACADEMY	176	171	5	snow	1128	1155	
ENGADINE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS	176	173	3	weather, PD	1068	1106	1106
ESCANABA AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	172	4	snow,ice,bomb threat	1046	1055	1047
ESSEXVILLE-HAMPTON PUBLIC SCH.	170	165	5	snow,ice,MME	1031	1094	1070
EVART PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	167	9	snow,ice,fog	1039	1039	1039
EWEN-TROUT CREEK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT	168	165	3	snow, ball game	1126	1126	1126
EXCEL CHARTER ACADEMY	176	170	6	snow	1109	1109	
EXCELSIOR TOWNSHIP S/D #1	170	165	5	snow	1058	1058	

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FAIRVIEW AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	173	167	6	snow,ice,basketball tourney	1072	1091	1100
FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	177	3	snow	1060	1077	1055
FARWELL AREA SCHOOLS	174	164	10	snow	1030	1030	1030
FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	172	164	8	snow	1048	1048	1048
FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	172	6	snow	1051	1053	1030
FERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	177	174	3	snow	1074	1073	1056
FITZGERALD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	171	4	snow	1080	1074	1074
FLAGSHIP CHARTER ACADEMY	175	172	3	snow	1109	1109	
FLAT ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	174	170	4	weather	1057	1059	1056
FLINT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	172	4	snow	1049	1048	1048
FLUSHING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	176	171	5	snow, power	1070	1085	1069
FOREST AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	171	4	weather	1072	1071	1071
FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	171	166	5	weather	1052	1042	1046
FOREST PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT	171	166	5	snow,ice,cold	1029	1029	1029
FORTIS ACADEMY	175	172	3	snow	1124	1233	
FOWLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	171	5	snow	1058	1088	1071
FOWLERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	171	4	snow, ice	1054	1057	1057
FRANCIS REH PSA	173	168	5	snow	1081	1081	
FRANKENMUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	175	5	snow,ice	1092	1087	1084
FRANKFORT-ELBERTA AREA SCHOOLS	177	173	4	snow	1053	1082	1090
FRASER PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	172	4	snow,power,gas leak	1030	1062	1030
FREE SOIL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	167	158	9	weather	1030	1030	
FREELAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	176	4	snow	1063	1083	1083
FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	174	5	snow,power,sewer	1062	1060	1048
FRONTIER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	178	175	3	snow		1050	1050
FRUITPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	174	170	4	snow	1074	1074	1074
FULTON SCHOOLS	180	171	9	snow,ice,fog,wind	1061	1061	1061
GALESBURG-AUGUSTA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	167	164	3	weather	1051	1073	1070
GALIEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	165	5	rain,snow,ice, wind	1053	1053	
GARDEN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	173	3	weather,power	1083	1065	1065
GAUDIOR ACADEMY	179	176	3	weather	1129	1129	
GAYLORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	174	165	9	snow, ice	1031	1048	1048
GENESEE SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	174	5	weather	1049	1044	1044
GEORGE CROCKETT ACADEMY	169	167	2	snow	1131	1076	1086
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ACADEMY	173	170	3	snow	1141	1141	
GERRISH-HIGGINS SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	172	3	snow,fumace,bomb threat	1073	1085	1085
GIBRALTAR SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	173	4	weather	1044	1043	1040
GLADSTONE AREA SCHOOLS	179	174	5	snow, ice	1067	1055	1051
GLADWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	176	164	12	weather	1033	1033	1033
GLEN LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	179	177	2	snow, power	1064	1083	1083
GLENN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	184	180	4		1110		
GOBLES PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	172	164	8	snow,ice	1037	1036	1036
GODFREY-LEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	175	5	snow,power	1076	1079	1070

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GODWIN HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	172	4	snow,ice	1043	1052	1047
GOODRICH AREA SCHOOLS	179	173	6	snow,water,boiler	1056	1065	1108
GRAND BLANC ACADEMY	176	172	4	snow	1236	1236	
GRAND BLANC COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	182	177	5	snow	1094	1085	1066
GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	173	169	4	snow	1040	1038	1044
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	170	168	4	snow,fog,MME	1043	1060	1037
GRAND RAPIDS CHILD DISCOVERY CENTER	173	170	3	snow	1050		
GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174	171	3	snow,ice	1047	1047	1047
GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY	180	176	4	snow	1081	1081	1081
GRANDVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	170	5	weather	1068	1059	1048
GRANT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	178	168	10	snow	1045	1068	1055
GRANT TOWNSHIP S/D #2	183	181	2	snow	1090	1090	
GRASS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	178	174	4	snow,weather	1045	1045	1045
GRATTAN ACADEMY	173	163	10	weather,illness	1047	1094	
GREAT LAKES ACADEMY	175	170	5	snow,power	1084	1084	
GREAT OAKS ACADEMY	174	170	4	snow	1072	1072	
GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	163	13	weather	1032	1032	1032
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS	176	173	3	snow,power,heat	1107	1106	1100
GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	174	1	snow,power	1065	1057	1069
GULL LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	176	4	snow,fog	1105	1089	1105
GWINN AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	170	165	5	snow	1069	1076	1069
HAGAR TOWNSHIP S/D #6	175	170	5	snow, funeral	1090	1090	
HALE AREA SCHOOLS	171	164	7	weather,water	1038	1039	1038
HAMILTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	168	164	4	snow, MME	1064	1064	1058
HAMTRAMCK ACADEMY	173	170	3	snow	1159	1130	
HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	172	3	snow, power	1068	1074	1074
HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	177	3	snow	1082	1157	1157
HANLEY INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	161	157	4	snow, power	1078	1078	
HANOVER-HORTON SCHOOLS	180	174	6	snow,ice	1057	1069	1062
HARBOR BEACH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	165	10	weather	1065	1065	1065
HARBOR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	171	5	snow	1056	1043	1062
HARPER CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	177	173	4	snow, fog	1082	1102	1135
HARRISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	168	157	11	weather	1020	1101	1100
HART PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	170	7	snow,ice	1064	1054	1064
HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	174	5	snow	1061	1088	1088
HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS	174	169	5	snow, water	1033	1047	1036
HASLETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	177	174	3	ice,snow,vandalism	1056	1043	1056
HASTINGS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	165	157	7	fog,ice,snow,water	1036	1036	1041
HAZEL PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	167	3	snow	1050	1062	1059
HEART ACADEMY	172	165	7	snow,heat,conf.			1063
HEMLOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	171	6	fog,snow,power	1069	1068	1069
HENRY FORD ACADEMY	176	173	3	storm			1045
HESPERIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	168	7	snow,power	1059	1071	1071

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HIGHLAND PARK CITY SCHOOLS	178	175	3	weather	1061	1061	1062
HILLMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	174	171	3	ice, snow	1064	1064	1084
HILLSDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	181	172	9	snow, ice	1069	1069	1069
HILLSDALE PREPARATORY SCHOOL	169	161	8	weather	1083	1083	
HOLLAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	174	169	5	weather, boiler	1039	1041	1065
HOLLY ACADEMY	179	174	5	weather	1100	1100	
HOLLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	174	170	4	snow, power, water	1033	1045	1037
HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	175	3	snow, power	1032	1028	1025
HOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	173	165	8	snow	1030	1030	1030
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	168	7	snow, power	1053	1053	1053
HONEY CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL	166	162	4	snow, power	1075	1075	
HOPE ACADEMY	172	169	3	weather	1099		
HOPE OF DETROIT ACADEMY	170	170	0	snow	1187	1080	1105
HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174	165	9	snow, ice	1040	1040	1040
HOUGHTON LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	179	174	5	snow, ice, power	1045	1086	1072
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS	179	176	3	weather	1091	1153	1153
HOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	169	6	weather, power	1086	1058	1052
HUDSON AREA SCHOOLS	179	168	11	snow, ice, fog	1040	1040	1040
HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	174	169	5	snow, MME	1052	1052	1056
HURON ACADEMY	174	170	4	weather	1055		
HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	168	7	snow, ice, water, power	1036	1055	1042
HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS	175	172	3	weather, power	1066	1066	1054
IDA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	181	175	6	snow, ice, fog	1078	1112	1118
IMLAY CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	181	171	10	snow, didn't need	1040	1040	1040
INLAND LAKES SCHOOLS	180	173	7	weather	1039	1037	1065
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF FLINT	181	176	5	snow	1210	1228	1249
IONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	170	8	snow, ice	1038	1046	1046
IONIA TOWNSHIP S/D #2	181	172	9	snow	1045	1045	
IRON MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	171	4	snow, cold	1044	1122	1055
IRONWOOD AREA SCHOOLS	172	168	4	snow, cold	1075	1160	1160
ISHPEMING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	171	5	weather, water	1043	1038	1042
ISLAND CITY ACADEMY	171	165	6	weather	1102	1102	
ITHACA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	172	8	weather	1065	1078	1078
JACKSON ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY PSA	200	195	5	weather, boiler	1296		
JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	172	3	weather	1056	1043	1044
JEFFERSON SCHOOLS (MONROE)	164	160	4	weather, fog	1045	1045	1045
JENISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	170	166	4	snow	1059	1049	1061
JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS	179	170	9	snow, ice, fog	1047	1047	1047
JONESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	176	167	9	snow	1070	1070	1070
JOSEPH P. LUMSDEN BAHWETING ANISHNABE ACADEMY	179	175	4	snow	1149	1122	
JOY PREPARATORY ACADEMY	173	171	2	snow	1106	1106	
KALAMAZOO ADVANTAGE ACADEMY	180	177	3	snow	1232	1232	
KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	174	3	snow, power	1049	1067	1046

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KALEVA NORMAN DICKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT	169	164	5	snow	1055	1043	1043
KALKASKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	176	4	weather	1088	1119	1115
KEARSLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	176	4	weather, power	1045	1052	1047
KELLOGGSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	176	4	snow	1074	1114	1130
KENOWA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	177	172	5	snow	1079	1065	1065
KENSINGTON WOODS HIGH SCHOOL	179	175	4	weather			1057
KENT CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	169	6	snow, wind	1030	1046	1045
KENTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	177	173	4	weather	1028	1073	1073
KEYSTONE ACADEMY	175	171	4	snow	1129	1129	
KINGSLEY AREA SCHOOLS	178	171	7	snow, water, fog	1054	1056	1054
KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	181	173	8	snow	1051	1050	1050
KNAPP CHARTER ACADEMY	176	170	6	snow	1083	1137	
LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	166	4	snow	1045	1045	1045
LAKE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	170	5	snow, ice, fire	1077	1074	1106
LAKE FENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	174	167	7	snow, power	1041	1033	1036
LAKE LINDEN-HUBBELL SCHOOL DISTRICT	178	175	3	weather	1054	1054	1160
LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	170	5	snow, power	1033	1051	1048
LAKE SHORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MACOMB)	181	177	4	snow	1084	1097	1091
LAKESHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT (BERRIEN)	173	170	3	snow	1065	1055	1046
LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (MONTCALM)	179	167	12	weather	1060	1080	1052
LAKEVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MACOMB)	180	176	4	snow	1077	1078	1078
LAKEVIEW SCH. DISTRICT (CALHOUN)	177	172	5	snow	1069	1068	1056
LAKEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	173	167	6	snow, power outage	1041	1049	1031
LAKEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	169	162	7	weather, electrical	1033	1055	1063
LAMPHERE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	173	3	snow	1067	1062	1062
LANDMARK ACADEMY	177	171	6	snow, water	1067	1067	
L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS	170	167	3	snow	1080	1080	1080
L'ANSE CREUSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	170	167	3	snow, temperature	1043	1042	1041
LANSING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	174	170	4	snow, ice, fire	1045	1037	1045
LAPEER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	177	170	7	snow, ice	1034	1036	1036
LAURUS ACADEMY	176	173	3	snow	1148	1183	
LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	172	5	snow/ice	1053	1149	1117
LAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	178	175	3	snow	1083	1092	1071
LELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	182	181	1	snow	1142	1142	1070
LES CHENEVAUX COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	165	157	8	snow, tournament	1042	1053	1053
LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	175	5	weather, water, assault	1071	1071	1071
LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	166	4	snow	1039	1041	1041
LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	173	3	weather	1055	1056	1053
LINDEN CHARTER ACADEMY	182	177	5	snow, staff illness	1211	1211	
LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	177	170	7	snow, power outage	1041	1049	1051
LITCHFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	165	156	9	weather	1044	1044	1044
LITTLEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	172	166	6	snow	1070	1070	1070
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174	171	3	weather, power	1032	159	1057

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS	174	169	5	snow	1040	1039	1041
LUDINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	171	164	7	snow, ice	1031	1034	1030
M.L. KING JR. EDUCATION CENTER	182	178	4	snow, power	1142	1142	
MACKINAC ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS	162	160	2	blizzard, funeral	1063	1063	1083
MACKINAW CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174	169	5	snow	1114	1086	
MADISON ACADEMY	170	164	6	snow, water damage	1108	1123	
MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS (OAKLAND)	180	177	3	snow, power	1073	1073	1061
MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT (LENAWEE)	181	176	5	snow, ice, fog	1045	1053	1053
MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	177	172	5	snow	1051	1068	1051
MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	178	175	3	snow, ice, heat, water main	1074	1071	1074
MANISTEE AREA SCHOOLS	165	160	5	weather	1032	1032	1032
MANISTIQUE AREA SCHOOLS	162	158	4	weather, inservice	1058	1058	1058
MANTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS	179	172	7	snow	1084	1100	1100
MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOLS	170	161	9	snow, ice, power	1040	1044	1040
MAR LEE SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	176	4	snow	1074	1074	
MARCELLUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	168	164	4	snow, ice	1067	1102	1095
MARILYN F. LUNDY ACADEMY	174	171	3	snow		1085	1085
MARION PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174	168	6	snow	1034	1032	1032
MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	170	10	snow, fog	1068	1068	1089
MARQUETTE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	175	3	snow	1087	1080	1080
MARSHALL ACADEMY	167	162	5	snow	1081	1081	1064
MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	160	175	5	snow, ice, fog	1048	1076	1066
MARTIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	169	162	7	snow	1043	1043	1043
MARVIN L. WINANS ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS	177	174	3	snow	1127	1190	1190
MARYSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	181	176	5	weather	1057	1079	1059
MASON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS (MONROE)	169	163	6	snow, ice, fog	1052	1052	1052
MASON COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS	174	167	7	snow, ice, power	1030	1030	1030
MASON COUNTY EASTERN SCHOOLS	177	170	7	snow, ice, power	1038	1041	1041
MASON PUBLIC SCHOOLS (INGHAM)	175	172	3	snow, fog, power	1059	1061	1061
MATTAWAN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL	173	170	3	weather	1043	1088	1045
MAYVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	174	167	7	snow, power outage	1065	1065	1065
MCBAIN RURAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS	178	172	6	snow, ice, fog	1069	1051	1051
MELVINDALE-NORTH ALLEN PARK SCHOOLS	173	168	5	snow, power, chemical spill	1053	1046	1074
MEMPHIS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	176	172	4	snow, ice	1044	1044	1044
MENDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	165	5	snow, ice, fog	1033	1056	1056
MENOMINEE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	168	164	4	snow, temperture, basketball g	1076	1079	1079
MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	171	167	4	snow	1064	1050	1051
MERRILL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	171	165	6	snow	1061	1063	1063
MERRITT ACADEMY	172	167	5	snow, cold	1058	1058	1058
MESICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS	176	169	7	weather	1061	1070	1105
METRO CHARTER ACADEMY	175	172	3	snow	1147	1147	
MICHIGAN CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	172	4	weather	1059	1059	1087
MICHIGAN HEALTH ACADEMY	172	165	7	snow, power, PD			1062

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MICHIGAN TECHNICAL ACADEMY	168	165	3	snow	1052	1080	1076
MID PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT	167	162	5	weather	1043	1043	1043
MIDLAND ACADEMY OF ADVANCED AND CREATIVE STUDIES	167	162	5	snow, ice	1067	1083	1083
MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	171	4	snow, power	1050	1054	1054
MID-MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	173	170	3	snow	1076	1100	
MILAN AREA SCHOOLS	181	177	4	weather	1088	1074	1074
MILDRED C. WELLS PREPARATORY ACADEMY	165	161	4	snow	1048		
MILLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	172	8	weather, water	1070	1075	1069
MIO-AUSABLE SCHOOLS	178	172	6	snow, ice, tornado	1055	1070	1070
MONA SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	171	4	snow, power	1078	1077	1075
MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	174	6	weather	1061	1069	1077
MONTABELLA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	172	160	12	snow, ice	1034	1065	1078
MONTAGUE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	169	6	snow, power	1046	1043	1043
MONTROSE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	172	165	7	weather	1070	1064	1158
MORAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	169	165	4	snow, ice	1034	1034	
MORENCI AREA SCHOOLS	169	159	10	snow, ice, fog	1037	1037	1045
MOREY CHARTER SCHOOL	176	167	9	weather	1097	1097	1130
MORLEY STANWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	163	12	snow, ice, fog	1037	1039	1036
MORRICE AREA SCHOOLS	167	162	5	snow	1047	1043	1043
MT. CLEMENS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	176	4	weather, vandalism, power	1037	1039	1035
MT. CLEMENS MONTESSORI ACADEMY	165	161	4	snow	1124		
MT. MORRIS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS	180	176	4	snow	1062	1060	1065
MT. PLEASANT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	169	10	snow, ice, fog, power	1042	1051	1077
MUNISING PUBLIC SCHOOLS	167	163	4	snow	1059	1069	1069
MUSKEGON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	170	5	snow, power	1036	1036	1036
MUSKEGON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	175	4	snow	1052	1053	1054
MUSKEGON TECHNICAL ACADEMY	172	168	4	snow, illness		1041	1041
N.I.C.E. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	170	5	snow	1080	1080	1105
NAH TAH WAHSH PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	174	169	5	weather	1060	1074	1061
NAPOLEON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	179	173	6	snow, ice, water	1025	1044	1030
NATAKI TALIBAH SCHOOLHOUSE OF DETROIT	173	169	4	snow	1080	1163	
NEGAUNEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	175	5	weather, water	1071	1055	1131
NEW BEDFORD ACADEMY	176	169	7	weather, power	1063	1063	
NEW BEGINNINGS ACADEMY	171	169	2	weather	1099	1099	
NEW BRANCHES SCHOOL	170	166	4	snow	1057		
NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS	175	172	3	snow, fog, wind	1032	1032	1032
NEW CITY ACADEMY	174	173	1	snow	1125	1125	
NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	171	165	6	snow	1026	1028	1028
NEW LOTHROP AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	171	5	snow, ice, cold, staff death	1062	1054	1054
NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	173	7	snow, ice	1050	1086	1090
NILES COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	166	4	weather	1066	1066	1066
NORTH ADAMS-JEROME SCHOOLS	174	166	8	snow, ice, fog	1049	1049	1049
NORTH BRANCH AREA SCHOOLS	174	163	11	snow, construction	1018	1064	1049

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NORTH CENTRAL AREA SCHOOLS	166	162	4	snow,cold,power	1025	1022	1022
NORTH DICKINSON COUNTY SCHOOLS	180	175	5	snow,ice,cold	1055	1081	1081
NORTH HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	174	6	snow,ice,power	1073	1117	1117
NORTH MUSKEGON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	172	4	snow	1062	1054	1054
NORTH SAGINAW CHARTER ACADEMY	179	173	6	snow	1121	1121	
NORTH STAR ACADEMY	181	175	6	weather,bomb threat		1044	1044
NORTHPOINTE ACADEMY	176	173	3	weather	1107	1135	
NORTHPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	175	1	weather	1069	1069	1069
NORTHBRIDGE ACADEMY	176	167	9	snow, power, water	1080	1080	
NORTHVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	172	5	snow,funeral	1085	1078	1064
NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	177	3	snow, power	1053	1060	1076
NORTHWEST ACADEMY	161	157	4	snow	1036	1036	1036
NORTHWEST COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	175	5	snow,ice,power	1031	1042	1038
NORWAY-VULCAN AREA SCHOOLS	180	176	4	snow,ice,cold	1090	1134	1134
NOTTAWA COMMUNITY SCHOOL	175	170	5	snow	1067	1111	
NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	173	3	weather	1052	1052	1055
NSOROMA INSTITUTE	167	166	1	snow	1062	1066	
OAK PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	167	3	snow	1067	1044	1044
OAKLAND ACADEMY	177	174	3	weather	1164	1164	
OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	178	173	5	weather,holiday	1080	1079	1073
OAKRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	176	4	snow	1051	1090	1090
OJIBWE CHARTER SCHOOL	172	166	6	weather	1112	1112	1112
OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	172	169	3	snow, ice	1054	1054	1062
OLD REDFORD ACADEMY	168	165	3	snow,power	1138	1100	1101
OLIVET COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	179	171	8	weather	1044	1051	1076
ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	165	5	snow,ice,fog	1087	1087	1087
ONEIDA TOWNSHIP S/D #3	174	170	4	weather, schedule change	1071		
ONEKAMA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS	173	167	6	snow	1040	1051	1051
ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	171	9	snow,ice,fog	1034	1047	1053
ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOLS	177	171	6	snow	1067	1145	1145
ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS	174	170	4	snow	1045	1051	1052
OSCODA AREA SCHOOLS	174	168	6	weather	1044	1044	1039
OTSEGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	174	4	weather	1062	1102	1093
OUTLOOK ACADEMY	170	162	8	weather		1118	1118
OVID-ELSIE AREA SCHOOLS	175	170	5	snow, fog	1059	1067	1084
OWENDALE-GAGETOWN AREA SCHOOLS	182	173	9	snow,ice,illness	1051	1090	1090
OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	171	5	weather, MRSA, death of staff	1060	1050	1025
OXFORD AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	177	171	6	snow,ice,power	1050	1057	1029
PALO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	174	162	12	snow,ice,boller	1074		
PANSOPHIA ACADEMY	178	173	5	snow,ice,fog	1070	1077	1077
PARAGON CHARTER ACADEMY	176	171	5	snow	1155	1155	
PARAMOUNT CHARTER ACADEMY	176	174	2	snow	1086	1086	
PARCHMENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	182	178	4	snow, water	1076	1069	1081



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	TOTAL SCHEDULED	ACTUAL IN SCHOOL	DAYS CANCELLED		GRADE SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
PAW PAW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	177	3	weather	1062	1074	1079
PECK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	175	5	snow	1085	1113	1113
PELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	168	162	6	snow, heat	1035	1047	1047
PENNFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	175	4	snow, mechanical	1080	1075	1081
PENTWATER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	173	168	5	weather	1038	1054	1054
PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	164	159	5	weather	1032	1030	1032
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	177	170	7	snow, ice	1084	1083	1083
PICKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	177	172	5	weather	1097	1082	1062
PIERRE TOUSSAINT ACADEMY	170	167	3	snow, heat	1086	1086	
PINCKNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	171	4	snow, power	1051	1060	1044
PINCONNING AREA SCHOOLS	164	158	6	weather	1035	1068	1082
PINE RIVER AREA SCHOOLS	178	170	8	weather, power	1040	1057	1065
PITTSFORD AREA SCHOOLS	176	166	10	snow, ice, fog	1038	1038	1038
PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	178	174	4	weather	1051	1049	1046
PLYMOUTH EDUCATIONAL CENTER	172	167	5	weather, power	1102	1048	1048
PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	176	173	3	snow	1052	1061	1050
PONTIAC ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE	180	174	6	snow, power	1105	1105	1086
PONTIAC CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	176	170	6	snow	1049	1040	1060
PORT HOPE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	174	6		1073	1119	1059
PORT HURON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	175	5	snow, water	1032	1032	1033
PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	177	3	weather	1054	1148	1075
PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	170	7	snow	1066	1095	1052
POSEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT	170	167	3	storm, ice, fog	1093	1080	1080
POTTERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	173	167	6	snow, fog, arson, gunman	1029	1032	1028
POWELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS	177	171	6	snow, power	1034	1034	
PREVAIL ACADEMY	176	171	5	snow, power	1068	1097	
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET	180	178	2	snow, power	1075	1174	1221
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF PETOSKEY	179	175	4	snow	1047	1070	1045
QUINCY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	175	5	snow, ice, fog	1090	1075	1075
RAPID RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS	171	165	6	weather	1052	1052	1052
RAVENNA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	169	161	8	snow	1056	1056	1056
READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	171	162	9	snow, ice, fog	1068	1083	1083
REDFORD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	165	162	3	snow, heat/MERSA	1043	1043	1032
REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	173	164	9	snow, ice, fog	1054	1052	1051
REESE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	170	164	6	snow	1060	1059	1059
REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS	173	169	4	snow	1047	1047	1047
RENAISSANCE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	180	171	9	snow, fog, ice	1150	1150	
REPUBLIC-MICHIGAMME SCHOOLS	142	139	3	weather	1081	1081	1081
RICHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	169	162	7	snow, water main break, cons	1142	1126	
RICHMOND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	172	168	4	snow, cold	1043	1043	1043
RIDGE PARK CHARTER ACADEMY	176	171	5	snow	1082	1092	
RIVER ROUGE SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	172	3	snow, MME	1107	1083	1068
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	169	164	5	snow	1032	1033	1033

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RIVERSIDE ACADEMY	180	177	3	snow, power	1062	1068	1068
RIVERVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	183	178	5	snow, power	1070	1083	1074
ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	171	165	6	snow, power	1011	1033	1020
ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	173	167	6	weather	1032	1031	1031
ROGERS CITY AREA SCHOOLS	177	173	4	snow, broken pipes	1064	1088	1088
ROMEO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	173	167	6	weather, water main break	1031	1031	1041
ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	178	175	3	snow, power	1053	1043	1056
ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	173	168	5	weather, power	1062	1038	1040
ROSS HILL ACADEMY	183	177	6	snow, holiday	1151	1151	1151
RUDYARD AREA SCHOOLS	172	166	6	snow	1028	1050	1050
SAGINAW CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	174	5	snow, ice	1073	1061	1090
SAGINAW COUNTY TRANSITION ACADEMY	223	217	6	snow		1302	1302
SAGINAW PREPARATORY ACADEMY	173	169	4	snow	1137	1137	
SAGINAW TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	173	7	snow	1060	1038	1060
SALINE AREA SCHOOLS	175	172	3	snow	1049	1046	1044
SAND CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	183	172	11	weather, fog	1064	1080	1080
SANDUSKY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	172	165	7	weather, power	1064	1063	1063
SARANAC COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	172	162	10	snow	1031	1032	1032
SAUGATUCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	166	161	5	snow	1048	1033	1033
SAULT STE. MARIE AREA SCHOOLS	166	163	3	weather	1055	1053	1055
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INKSTER	179	175	4	snow, water	1113	1252	1252
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ROYAL OAK	180	177	3	weather, MME exam	1089	1112	1088
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF YPSILANTI	170	167	3	snow	1063	1043	1044
SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	177	174	3	snow, ice	1085	1117	1100
SHELBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	172	164	8	snow, ice, power	1042	1041	1041
SHEPHERD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	182	173	9	snow, ice, power	1056	1056	1056
SIGEL TOWNSHIP S/D #3F	173	169	4	snow	1081	1081	
SIGEL TOWNSHIP S/D #4F	173	169	4	snow, PD	1072	1072	
SIGEL TOWNSHIP S/D #6	174	167	7	snow, PD	1081	1081	
SODUS TOWNSHIP S/D #5	174	170	4	snow	1088	1088	
SOUTH ARBOR CHARTER ACADEMY	175	172	3	snow	1157	1140	
SOUTH HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	172	4	snow, fog	1039	1042	1036
SOUTH LAKE SCHOOLS	180	176	4	snow	1041	1128	1057
SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	174	172	2	weather, power	1090	1067	1055
SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	178	175	3	weather	1058	1052	1052
SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	169	166	3	weather	1060	1085	1053
SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	177	3	snow	1067	1090	1052
SPARTA AREA SCHOOLS	174	168	6	snow	1036	1080	1039
SPRING LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	171	4	snow	1064	1066	1065
SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	176	4	snow, fog, temperature	1057	1056	1056
ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	178	172	6	weather	1060	1060	1060
ST. IGNACE AREA SCHOOLS	172	168	4	weather	1039	1039	1057
ST. JOHNS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	173	169	4	snow, fog, fire	1044	1044	1040

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ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS	165	163	3	snow	1047	1053	1051
ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	171	162	9	snow, wind, power	1043	1043	1043
STANDISH-STERLING COMMUNITY	179	172	7	snow, ice	1052	1098	1112
STANTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS	179	173	6	snow, PD	1054	1054	
STAR INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	183	179	4	weather	1092	1123	1095
STEPHENSON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	150	147	3	snow, cold	1038	1051	1051
STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	177	172	5	snow, ice	1088	1047	1065
STURGIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	175	3	snow, fog, meth lab	1077	1120	1072
SUMMERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	171	8	snow, ice, fog	1037	1082	1088
SUMMIT ACADEMY	171	167	4	snow, ice	1042	1042	
SUMMIT ACADEMY NORTH	171	168	5	snow, ice, power	1036	1048	1038
SUNRISE EDUCATION CENTER	180	172	8	weather	1066	1066	
SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS	163	154	9	weather	1058	1060	1060
SUTTONS BAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	170	168	2	weather, power	1078	1060	1070
SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	174	6	snow, fog	1038	1038	1038
SWARTZ CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	181	174	7	weather	1061	1083	1050
TAHQUAMENON AREA SCHOOLS	180	177	3	snow	1072	1089	1089
TAWAS AREA SCHOOLS	180	172	8	snow, power	1049	1049	1049
TAYLOR EXEMPLAR ACADEMY	176	173	3	snow	1135		
TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	173	4	weather, power	1039	1039	1041
TECUMSEH PUBLIC SCHOOLS	173	166	7	snow, ice, fog	1049	1039	1036
TEKONSHA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	177	171	6	snow	1036	1064	1064
THE DA VINCI INSTITUTE	178	172	6	snow, holiday, PD	1069	1069	1101
THOMAS-GIST ACADEMY	177	172	5	weather, power	1061	1061	
THORNAPPLE KELLOGG SCHOOL DISTRICT	175	169	6	snow, ice	1049	1049	1043
THREE OAKS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY	179	174	5	snow	1054	1054	
THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	173	170	3	weather	1075	1076	1066
THRESHOLD ACADEMY	175	161	14	snow	1044	1044	
TIMBERLAND ACADEMY	177	171	6	snow, power	1141	1141	
TIMBUKTU ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	172	169	3	snow	1155	1154	
TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	182	179	3	weather, illness	1084	1084	1090
TRAVERSE CITY COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEM	180	176	4	snow			1096
TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	178	175	3	snow, power	1066	1074	1083
TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS	177	163	14	weather	1035	1035	1035
TRILLIUM ACADEMY	171	167	4	weather, power	1119	1149	1143
TRIUMPH ACADEMY	178	172	6	snow, ice, power	1082	1080	
TRI-VALLEY ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS	178	174	4	snow	1052	1052	
TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	176	3	snow, power	1047	1046	1054
UBLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	174	6	weather, VB	1100	1097	1097
UNION CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	173	7	snow, fog	1076	1076	1076
UNIONVILLE-SEBEWAING AREA S.D.	167	162	5	snow, cold, fog	1067	1092	1084
UNIVERSAL ACADEMY	183	179	4	weather	1123	1095	
UNIVERSAL LEARNING ACADEMY	183	179	4	weather	1123		

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UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY ACADEMY	173	169	4	weather, power	1099	1070	1092
UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	175	171	4	snow, temperature, power	1050	1050	1043
VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	166	157	9	snow, water, power	1038	1061	1029
VAN DYKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	179	175	4	snow, student safety	1087	1095	1086
VANDERBILT AREA SCHOOLS	184	175	9	snow, ice	1036	1036	1036
VANDERBILT CHARTER ACADEMY	176	171	5	snow	1116	1116	
VANDERCOOK LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	179	175	4	weather	1040	1032	1032
VANGUARD CHARTER ACADEMY	176	171	5	snow	1130	1070	
VASSAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	179	174	5	snow, wind, fog	1065	1079	1079
VERONA TOWNSHIP S/D #1F	173	169	4	snow	1078	1078	
VESTABURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	172	161	11	snow	1033	1032	1032
VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	179	176	3	snow, fog, ice	1110	1130	1107
VICTORY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	180	177	3	snow	1077	1077	
VISTA CHARTER ACADEMY	176	170	6	snow, gas leak	1130	1122	
VOYAGEUR ACADEMY	167	167	0		1121	1092	1092
WAKEFIELD-MARENISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	172	5	snow, mercury spill	1108	1158	1158
WALDEN GREEN MONTESSORI	181	177	4	snow	1058	1058	
WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS	173	161	12	snow, ice, fog	1063	1064	1064
WALKER CHARTER ACADEMY	176	171	5	snow	1127	1127	
WALKERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	173	7	snow, ice	1063	1065	1065
WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS	169	164	5	weather, power	1032	1035	1024
WALTON CHARTER ACADEMY	176	168	8	snow, ice, power	1154	1154	
WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS	177	174	3	weather	1055	1054	1052
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	179	175	4	weather, power	1044	1073	1034
WARRENDALE CHARTER ACADEMY	174	171	3	snow	1146	1154	
WASHTENAW TECHNICAL MIDDLE COLLEGE	181	177	4	snow, water			1078
WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	178	172	6	snow, power	1057	1072	1072
WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	181	175	6	weather	1068	1088	1068
WATERVLIET SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	176	4	snow, vandalism	1073	1088	1088
WAVECREST CAREER ACADEMY	170	164	6	snow			1065
WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	173	169	4	snow, MME	1053	1055	1036
WAYLAND UNION SCHOOLS	179	170	9	snow, ice	1032	1062	1040
WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	174	171	3	snow	1058	1081	1064
WEBBERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	166	163	3	snow, ice, fog	1058	1054	1054
WELLS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	171	167	4	snow, boiler	1085	1085	
WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT	178	171	5	weather, power	1036	1075	1046
WEST BRANCH-ROSE CITY AREA SCHOOLS	180	174	6	snow, ice, bomb threat	1066	1066	1066
WEST IRON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	165	159	6	snow, cold	1024	1023	1027
WEST MI ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS	174	168	6	snow	1064	1056	
WEST MI ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	177	173	4	snow	1047	1044	1044
WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	171	6	snow, fog, ice, MME	1061	1074	1090
WEST VILLAGE ACADEMY	164	160	4	snow, power, heat	184	1077	1077
WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	172	7	snow, power, fog	1039	1057	1037

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WESTON TECHNICAL ACADEMY	175	171	4	snow	112		1082
WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	180	177	3	snow	1061	1043	1043
WESTWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOLS	171	167	4	snow	1049	1066	1066
WHITE CLOUD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	177	169	8	snow, ice	1035	1050	1050
WHITE PIGEON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	167	163	4	snow	1081	1080	1080
WHITE PINE ACADEMY	170	166	4	snow, ice	1079	1094	
WHITEFISH TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS	169	168	1	snow	1095	1121	1112
WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS	176	170	6	snow, ice, fog	1060	1067	1067
WHITEHALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS	177	173	4	snow	1044	1047	1044
WHITMORE LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	175	171	4	snow	1065	1056	1060
WHITTEMORE-PRESCOTT AREA SCHOOLS	174	169	5	snow, ice, power	1044	1043	1043
WILL CARLETON CHARTER SCHOOL ACADEMY	172	164	8	snow, ice	1054	1054	1067
WILLIAM C. ABNEY ACADEMY	170	166	4	snow	1149		
WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	173	167	6	tornado, snow, fog	1061	1037	1046
WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	169	165	4	snow, bomb threat	1047	1036	1033
WINDEMER PARK CHARTER ACADEMY	173	168	5	snow	1116	1106	
WINDOVER HIGH SCHOOL	172	167	5	snow, funeral			1063
WOLVERINE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	183	170	13	snow	1039	1039	1039
WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	177	173	4	weather, power	1073	1051	1046
WOODLAND PARK ACADEMY	165	159	6	snow, illness throughout bldg.	1079	1079	
WOODLAND SCHOOL	174	171	3	snow	1052	1052	
WOODMONT ACADEMY	174	172	2	snow	1109	1109	
WOODWARD ACADEMY	170	167	3	snow	1086	1086	
WYANDOTTE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	177	3	snow	1050	1050	1049
WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS	168	164	4	snow	1042	1042	1042
YALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	179	175	4	snow, water	1046	1045	1045
YMCA SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMY	165	162	3	weather	1215	1215	
ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS	168	163	5	fog, snow	1065	1063	1042

# Continued Weakness in Michigan's School Year

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In Michigan, the traditional 180-day, K-12 school calendar has quietly become an urban and rural legend, the victim of budget woes and state laws that emphasize minutes rather than days. If anything, the state has moved slightly backwards.

That's the main conclusion of an updated Center for Michigan analysis of Michigan Department of Education Data. Our latest "School Daze" report below confirms our **earlier findings in 2009**: Michigan school districts are using the school calendar as a budget cutting tool and continuing to offer far fewer school days than in decades past.

**Changes in state law, spurred by the first School Daze report we issued in March 2009, require schools this year to begin to reverse the erosion of the school calendar.**

For this updated School Daze report, we used 2008-2009 school data, the most recent available. The data, including both traditional public schools and charter schools, showed:

- 1) Only six of 755 school districts and charters actually held 180 days of instruction in 2008-09.
- 2) 140 school districts and charters scheduled 170 or fewer days, which is two weeks less instruction than state law required until 2003-04. A total of 283 districts actually held 170 or fewer days of instruction due to snow days and other cancellations.
- 3) Fifty-six school districts and charters lopped off at least a week of scheduled school days between the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years. Altogether, 277 cut at least a half a day from the calendar of the year before.

4) The majority of Michigan school districts and charters held more days of school in 2008-09, but that was only because fewer days were canceled. More districts (277) reduced their school calendars of scheduled days than expanded them (211).

### HOW DOES YOUR DISTRICT STACK UP? CHECK HERE.

SHORTEST SCHOOL CALENDARS (2008-09)	
DISTRICT	DAYS HELD
FRESQUE ISLE ACADEMY II	131
REPUBLIC-MICHIGANNE SCHOOLS	139
CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY	153
BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	155
SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS	155
MILDRED C. WELLS PREPARATORY ACADEMY	156
LES CHENEUX COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	156
BENTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	157
CASMAN ALTERNATIVE ACADEMY	157
MORENCI AREA SCHOOLS	158
MADISON ACADEMY	159
HILLSDALE PREPARATORY SCHOOL	159
DEARBORN ACADEMY	159
ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	159
CAMDEN-FRONTIER SCHOOLS	159
MANISTIQUE AREA SCHOOLS	159
FARWELL AREA SCHOOLS	160
Warren Area Schools	160
ARENAAC EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT	160
MASON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS (MONROE)	160
MIDLAND ADVANCED & CREATIVE STUDIES	160
FREE SOIL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	160
HASTINGS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	160
JEFFERSON SCHOOLS (MONROE)	160

Source: Michigan Department of Education data.

LONGEST SCHOOL CALENDARS (2008-09)	
DISTRICT	DAYS HELD
BLANCHE KELSO BRUCE ACADEMY	188
AISHA SMILEYWEB DUBOIS PREP. ACADEMY	186
UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY SCIENCE & MATH	186
EAST CHINA SCHOOL DISTRICT	188
RIVERSIDE ACADEMY	188
DISCOVERY ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY PSA	189
RIVERVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	179
M.L. KING JR. EDUCATION CENTER	179
ALCONAC COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	179
MILAN AREA SCHOOLS	179
KELLOGGSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	179
MARYSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	179
CLINTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	179
LELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	179
CLINTONDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	179
GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY	179
OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	179
RIDGE PARK CHARTER ACADEMY	179
JOY PREPARATORY ACADEMY	179

Source: Michigan Department of Education data.

**ANGST**

## **CONTINUES FROM EDUCATION LEADERS**

John Austin, vice president of the Michigan State Board of Education, says the Center for Michigan's latest findings underscore the need for comprehensive reforms that include returning the school year to 180 days or more.

"What we have seen are too many districts using the move to an hourly clock versus a school-day clock to basically reduce the whole learning time during the school year. That is unfortunate, it's wrong, it's not helpful to students," Austin said. "You can micromanage the minutes of the day, but it means that kids aren't in school as long during the year and aren't spending as much time totally on mind, on task."

There is no dispute that better educational outcomes are crucial to rebuilding Michigan's economy. Employers in knowledge-based industries that pay good wages demand a highly educated and skilled work force and will locate in states that meet their needs. Michigan lags behind other states in the percent of adults with college degrees, partly because thousands of students arrive unprepared and need remediation classes.

President Obama and U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan are both advocates of a longer school year. Obama suggested that states use some of the federal stimulus day to accomplish that goal. "We can no longer afford an academic calendar designed when America was a nation of farmers who needed their children at home plowing the land at the end of the day," Obama said in 2009. "That calendar may have once made sense, but today, it puts us at a competitive disadvantage. Our children spend over a month less in school than children in South Korea. That is no way to prepare them for a 21st century economy."

## **REFORM REQUIRES MANY DISTRICTS TO ADD MORE DAYS SOON**

After the Center for Michigan's 2009 report exposed the rapidly shrinking school year in districts across the state, policymakers reacted strongly. Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan called the practice of adding a few minutes to the school day in order to shorten the school calendar outrageous.

The Legislature held hearings that summer and took a step toward making sure students spend more days in school. Beginning this year, school districts must schedule at least 165 days of instruction, with that ratcheted up to 170 days in 2012-13. And districts that scheduled at least 165 days in 2009-10 are prohibited from shrinking their calendar.

Some school districts did increase their school calendar in 2008-09. The Stephenson Area Public Schools abandoned their experiment with a four-day week and scheduled 166 days, up from 150. Even with the extra 16 days, it's among the fewest days in the state.

Cass City Public Schools boosted the number of days in school from 166 to 179. The district had shortened the school year in mid-year in 2007-08 because of a budget crisis. Once the finances were stabilized, the district returned to a normal calendar.

"I would never be in favor of reducing days and adding to the length of the day," Superintendent Jeff Hartel said. "If anything, I'd like to see more days added to the school year."



# EROSION CONTINUES IN SOME PLACES

Other districts chopped the instructional calendar.

BIGGEST CUTS TO SCHOOL CALENDARS (2008-09)		
DISTRICT	07-08 DAYS	08-09 DAYS
JACKSON ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY PSA	195	170
ALLEN ACADEMY	182	167
GLENN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	180	167.3
CARROLLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	179	165
BINGHAM ACADEMY	182	171
DOLLAR BAY-TAMARACK CITY AREA SCHOOLS	175	166
TRAVERSE CITY COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY	176	166
BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	163	155
DR. CHARLES DREW ACADEMY	178	171
VICTORY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	177	170
STAR INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	179	172
UNIVERSAL ACADEMY	179	172
UNIVERSAL LEARNING ACADEMY	179	172
BARAGA AREA SCHOOLS	176	169
SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	176	169
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALUMET	178	172
SIGEL TOWNSHIP S/D #3F	169	163
NORTH STAR ACADEMY	178	169
HILLMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	171	165
MT. CLEMENS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	175.7	170
GENESEE SCHOOL DISTRICT	173.7	168
GODFREY-LEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	173	170
WALDEN GREEN MONTESSORI	177	172
HUDSON AREA SCHOOLS	168	163
MILDRED C. WELLS PREPARATORY ACADEMY	161	156
WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS	170	165
TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	173	168
MADISON ACADEMY	164	159
ALPENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	171	166

Source: Michigan Department of Education data.

In 2007-2008, the Carrollton School District in Saginaw County scheduled 185 days of school, the most of any traditional public school district in Michigan. The following fall, students got a 170-day calendar, a full two weeks less than the 180 days that were the standard for decades.

The reduction, made possible by the state's shift from school-day requirements to school-hour minimums, came in the give-and-take of contract negotiations. Most of it is accomplished by eliminating half-days, says Superintendent Craig Douglas, along with ending the school year earlier. Douglas says he believes students are still getting a quality education, but he's upfront in saying he'd like to see students spending more days, not fewer, in the classroom.

"If you made me ruler, we'd go year-round.... I have had the chance to go to China and India both. I know they are beating us in time on task," Douglas said. "I think it's going to be harder for us to get back to that threshold (of 180 days). I don't know what to expect in negotiations, but I can tell you that generally speaking, adding those days back is a tougher climb."

Lawmakers opened the door to a shrinking calendar in the 2003-04 school year, when they changed time-in-school requirements from 180 days to 1,098 hours. The argument for the change was that some school districts — especially rural ones in northern Michigan — could reduce non-academic costs such as transportation and utilities.

## **MANY DISTRICTS DON'T MAKE UP SNOW DAYS**

And students are spending less time in class for another reason. For years, school officials were only allowed to cancel school twice without makeup days. Lawmakers extended that to 30 hours (now "six days or equivalent hours"), and they can seek approval of an additional six days or equivalent hours for extenuating circumstances that occur after April 1. In 2008-2009, a total of 175 school districts canceled at least five days of classes, or the hourly equivalent.

## **GAP WITH REST OF WORLD IS GROWING**

Now, many education leaders say the reduction in school days has gone too far and undermines Michigan's efforts to educate its students in highly competitive national and global economies. That includes Superintendent Flanagan, who also served as an adviser to Governor Rick Snyder's transition team.

"Mike believes very strongly that the number of days that students attend school is important," said Department of Education spokeswoman Jan Ellis. "Mike talks regularly about our kids' need to compete globally for jobs later on, and students in many other countries are going well over 200 days a year."

The gap between the number of days most Michigan students spend in school and those in other states and countries has widened since Michigan began counting hours, rather than days. Some international competitors, such as South Korea and Japan, offer 220 days or more. Western European countries have longer calendars as well.

In the United States, most states set requirements by days rather than hours, although some states have moved to an hourly standard, according to the Education Commission of the States, a nonprofit, nonpartisan interstate compact that helps policymakers and others develop policies to improve student learning. Twenty-nine states require 180 days, and two mandate even more days.

Kathy Christie, the commission's chief of staff, says that it is difficult to compare requirements between states. For example, some states count professional-development days as school days, while others do not. Some schools might have six-hour days, others five-and-a-half. Some count minutes spent at lunch or between classes in their school hours.

And, she said, there isn't research to show that more days in school will lead to better education outcomes. "What matters most, is the quality of the time," she said.

There's also no research showing that school districts can slice 10, 15 or 20 days from the calendar without educational consequence. And there are studies that suggest that longer summer vacations — a common byproduct of fewer school days — result in greater

learning loss, especially among disadvantaged students who are less likely to have summer enrichment opportunities.

The decision to allow school districts to reduce the number of school days by lengthening them was primarily an economic decision, and, ultimately, any efforts to restore the 180-day school year in Michigan will have to take that into consideration. While lawmakers have made K-12 a higher budget priority than other areas, including higher education, schools have dealt with state funding cuts, and many with declining enrollment, which translates into fewer state dollars.

State Sen. Phil Pavlov, a St. Clair Township Republican who was vice chair of the House Education Committee and was elected to the Senate in November, says studies can support arguments for or against requiring a longer school calendar.

"A lot of northern districts that took advantage of it (shortening the calendar by lengthening the day) will be hard-pressed to give it up," said Pavlov. "The local school board is in a good position to make that determination. If you can stretch that dollar and put those resources into the classroom instead of the fuel tank of the school bus, kids win."

State Sen. Wayne Kuipers, a Holland Republican and chair of the Senate Education Committee, says he supports a longer school year but says those issues will be left to the incoming chair, who has not been named. Kuipers was prevented by term limits from seeking re-election.

"If you look at some of the countries that we compete with, they have a full eight-hour day, and they have more days," he said. "If we are going to get serious about keeping up with the rest of the world in terms of education, it is going to require some pretty significant changes."

But given the state's financial constraints, he said, lawmakers will need to think creatively about a solution. Otherwise, he said, the state potentially runs into an obstacle in the Headlee amendment, which requires the state to pay for services that it mandates.

"If you are going to do it, you'd have to say next year we are going to increase the foundation grant by X number of dollars for those school districts that add 20 days," he said.

The State Board of Education is calling for a comprehensive approach to stabilizing and restructuring the school finance system. Austin said he hopes Snyder and the new legislature will make that a priority.

"We haven't had a big budget solution that says in return for stabilizing or increasing investment in our education system, we expect you to go back to the 180 (or more) days," Austin said. "That I think is what it will take to really move the needle."

# School Daze Follow Up: How districts are adding back days to the school year

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Across Michigan, more than 100 school districts that cut school days over the past several years find themselves having to reconfigure days and hours again now that the state has re-established a minimum length for the school calendar.

The first phase of that began last fall when schools were required to offer at least 165 days. That's a full three weeks less than the long-traditional 180-day calendar, but still more than about 20 districts have scheduled over the past few years. The difference between 180 days and 165 days totals an entire lost school year over the course of a student entire K-12 career.

The changes in state requirements came after the Center for Michigan published "**School Daze: Michigan's Shrinking School Year**," a 2009 report showing that the overwhelming majority of Michigan's 755 school districts and charter schools had shortened the school calendar — adding a few minutes to the school day but reducing the number of days in class.

Leading educators, including state schools Superintendent Mike Flanagan, claim the shift is shortchanging students, who will be competing for jobs with students in other states and countries where students spend far more days in classes.

The bigger challenge for districts with short school years will come in 2012-13, when the calendar bar is raised to 170 days — 101 districts were below that number in 2008-09. The minimum could conceivably higher, if Governor Rick Snyder and the Legislature make an additional push. Snyder will lay out his education agenda to the Legislature in April.

"I'm hanging on the new governor's every word to see a what is coming down for Michigan as far as education," said Kathy McDonough, superintendent of the Upper Peninsula School District of Manistique. "In February, he will make a budget statement, and in April he will talk specifically about education. Are we looking at consolidating services? What is he going to be asking for?"

The Center for Michigan spoke with the superintendents of several school districts that are scheduling 165 days this year and will need to make more adjustments by the fall of 2012. They said they will do what the state requires. Most said they have no problems with a longer school year but say it will have to be negotiated in contracts with labor unions, which are likely to ask for something else in return.

# **SCHOOL DAZE FOLLOW UP: How some districts keep 180 days a top priority**

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By Chris Andrews

In the Milan School District, students spend more days in class than their peers in most other districts for a simple reason: district leaders have made it an important priority. In the 2008-2009 school year, Milan was one of a handful of districts that actually exceeded – by a single day – the 180 days that were long the standard in Michigan.

“To me, days are what correlate to lesson plans, not minutes,” said Superintendent Bryan Girbach. “If you do the math, you can drop a day, add two or three minutes to each school day and still meet the hours requirement that the state of Michigan currently has in place. But adding three minutes doesn’t have the same effect as having another day of school at the end of the year.”

This year, Milan school leaders reluctantly trimmed two days from their calendar during contract negotiations in which teachers granted concessions on pay and benefits. That’s still more than most Michigan school districts, but below the number that was the tradition in Michigan for decades.

As districts face dwindling funds and an uncertain financial commitment from the state, school districts are struggling to maintain programs, balance their budgets and treat staff fairly. In Milan, teachers began paying 10 percent of their health care premiums and took a 2 percent pay cut.

“There are sometimes things that you have to give, and obviously for most employees, days off are one of the things that people look to and trade for in exchange for losing other benefits,” Girbach said.

But Doug Pratt, spokesman for the Michigan Education Association, the state’s largest teachers union, said collective bargaining is a two-way street at the local level. He said school district negotiators bring up the shorter school year as often as union bargainers do.

## **Shrinkage Across State**

Studies by the Center for Michigan over the past two years have shown that most school districts have reduced the number of days of instruction since 2003-04, when the state eliminated its 180-day requirement. Ironically, the school year is shrinking even as

expectations for teachers and students are expanding. Teachers face new accountability with the federal Race to the Top initiative. Students have fewer days in class to master rigorous new state high school graduation requirements.

The Center's analysis of 2008-09 school year show that the 180-day school year had quietly disappeared for most school districts — and often by much more than a day or two. Some 140 school districts and charter schools out of 755 scheduled 170 or fewer days, a full two weeks less than state law required until 2003.

That's when the Legislature switched state standards from days (180) to hours (1,098), purportedly to allow school districts to reduce non-instructional costs such as food services and transportation, especially in northern rural districts where students travel long distances by bus. Some districts have done that, but others are reducing the school calendar in exchange for concessions.

While no one claims that the 180-day calendar is a panacea, some education advocates say falling below it is a step in the wrong direction. But returning to it will mean re-absorbing costs and/or re-negotiating contracts. Most say that the creation of a stable funding system should be part of any effort to reinstate or even expand the school year.

Michigan needs to provide more days of instruction to prepare students for the high-skill jobs that employers around the world are demanding, said William Mayes, executive director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

"We are in a very competitive world right now. Our kids used to compete with the district next door, the county in Southeast Michigan and maybe Illinois and Indiana," Mayes said. "Today, we compete with Stockholm, Sweden, Tokyo, Japan, and Shanghai, China. That's the fact of life."

Mayes noted that former Gov. John Engler was pushing for a longer school year in the 1990s before budget constraints fueled the shift to minutes.

### **Preserving the Calendar**

Interviews with superintendents who have maintained the 180-day school year show they have not maintained the longer school year by happenstance. They have made it a priority.

Take Gull Lake, outside Kalamazoo. Superintendent Christopher Rundle says the district "zigged while everybody else zagged."

He said the district benefited from conservative fiscal management, which positioned it well to expand programs when others were cutting. It instituted all-day, every-day kindergarten as well as a K-12 Spanish program. Gull Lake has also added after-school programs that include partnerships between the schools and community interests. And

they opened their borders to schools-of-choice students from other districts, which has attracted 97 students, and the funding that comes with them.

"The all-day every day kindergarten program at first glance would cost money. But it was almost neutral because it was offset by the kids that came," Rundle said. "Now if that continues to grow, it will take care of itself."

Rundle said that reducing the 180-day calendar is nonnegotiable to Gull Lake administrators and school board members. "I guess it has been mentioned (in contract talks), but we're just not going to do it. It's 180 school days, and the teacher school days is 189."

In the Leland School District in Northwest Michigan, the contract calls for 182 days of instruction. Interim Superintendent Stowe, who has worked in the district as a teacher and principal, said the longer school year is consistent with the district's focus on education and student achievement.

"The former administration and school boards in the past felt that 182 days is central to student achievement," he said. Stowe said he believes the issue has come up in negotiations with the teachers union, "but it went absolutely no place."

#### Differing Views

Others, however, say there are other issues that are more important than the number of days that students are in school.

In the Oxford Community Schools, the district reduced the number of days from 177 in 2007-08 to 173 in 2008-09. Superintendent William Skilling said the move was made to improve the quality of education, not to cut costs.

Skilling said school districts need to retool their programs and retrain their teachers to make students competitive in a rapidly changing world.

"To better prepare our kids for the global market that's changing 24-7, we had to radically change curriculum instruction so that we are teaching for the world that exists versus the world that no longer exists," he said. Skilling said that requires much more professional development.

The teachers aren't working fewer days, he said, but they are spending more of them on professional development and common planning time.

Skilling said the district is "investing in innovation and working toward creating the model global school." It is creating an international baccalaureate program for every school and has added a nine-year world language program as well as an engineering program.

The investment has paid dividends to the district financially by bringing new families to the community.

“The key is that that you have to invest in innovation, you have to close the global achievement gap. When you do this, parents will come,” he said. Last year, Oxford schools had 210 new students – 171 from school choice.

Skilling said he doesn’t consider the number of school days unimportant but believes it is overemphasized. “The bottom line is the most important aspect of good teaching and learning is hiring great teachers, constantly providing professional development, and coaching those teachers on an annual basis such that they continue to improve.”

In Grand Rapids, several schools run year-round. The district operated on a 174-day calendar in 2008-09. Superintendent Bernard Taylor Jr. said the school year was in place before he became superintendent in 2006.

Taylor said he worked in Pennsylvania, which has a 180 day requirement, and doesn’t know what makes 180 days the magic number. “We need to be looking at is how we accommodate each student’s needs so the students who need more time get it,” he said. “Those students who don’t need as much time shouldn’t be forced into some arbitrary box of time just for compliance purposes.”

Taylor added that if the Legislature reinstates the 180-day requirement, schools are going to have to figure out a way to pay staff. “Where is that money going to come from in a state where education funding has been flat or declining,” he asked. “As we have this conversation, unless there is a discussion of how it is going to be paid for, what’s really going to come of it?”

If there is agreement on anything, it is that a stable funding system is needed if schools are going to work their way back toward 180 days or beyond.

The Legislature took the first step in 2009, after the Center’s first report on the shrinking school year. School districts are required to schedule at least 165 days this school year and next, and 170 beginning in 2012-13. And they are not allowed to offer fewer days than they did in 2009-10. (Some school districts closed early last year to give themselves more flexibility in meeting that requirement)

Pratt said the Michigan Education Association supports a longer school year to better prepare students, but teachers and other school staff will need to be paid more. “It’s a question of paying for it,” he said.

Mayes, of the Michigan Association of School Administrators, says the quick solution for the Legislature is to require 180 days again. But if that happens, he said, schools will need to cut in other areas — perhaps eliminating athletics, for instance.



A more practical approach, he said, would be to phase in the standard, over five or 10 years.

“At some point in time, the governor and the Legislature are going to have to deal with the issue of a stable revenue source for education,” Mayes said. “School districts can’t even begin to keep up with inflation, with their legacy costs, with their health care costs.”